GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has identified any sectors of his ministry departments in which wasteful expenditure is maximum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken so far by his Ministry to curtail/stop such expenditure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) to (d): In order to curb wasteful expenditure, instructions for austerity in Government expenditure are issued by the Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure to all the Ministries/ Departments from time to time. The austerity measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and entertainment/ hospitality expenses, reduction in per diem allowance for travel abroad etc.

The instructions are followed by the Ministries of Agro and Rural Industries. Besides, the Ministry is in agreement with the recommendations of the Expenditure Reform Commission (ERC) in this connection. 853 posts in the Khadi & Village Industries Commission and 58 posts in the Coir Board have already been abolished.